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MITCHELL (S[ILAS] WEIR) 1829-1914.

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28 letters (13 autograph, 15 either wholly
or mainly typed) from S. Weir Mitchell to
W. Osler, 24 Dec., 1902, to 14 Aug., 1913.

A number of the letters refer to Mitchell's
studies on Harvey (cf. no. 788).

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Letter 43-4 in survival
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1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

24th
dec -
1902

My dear sister -

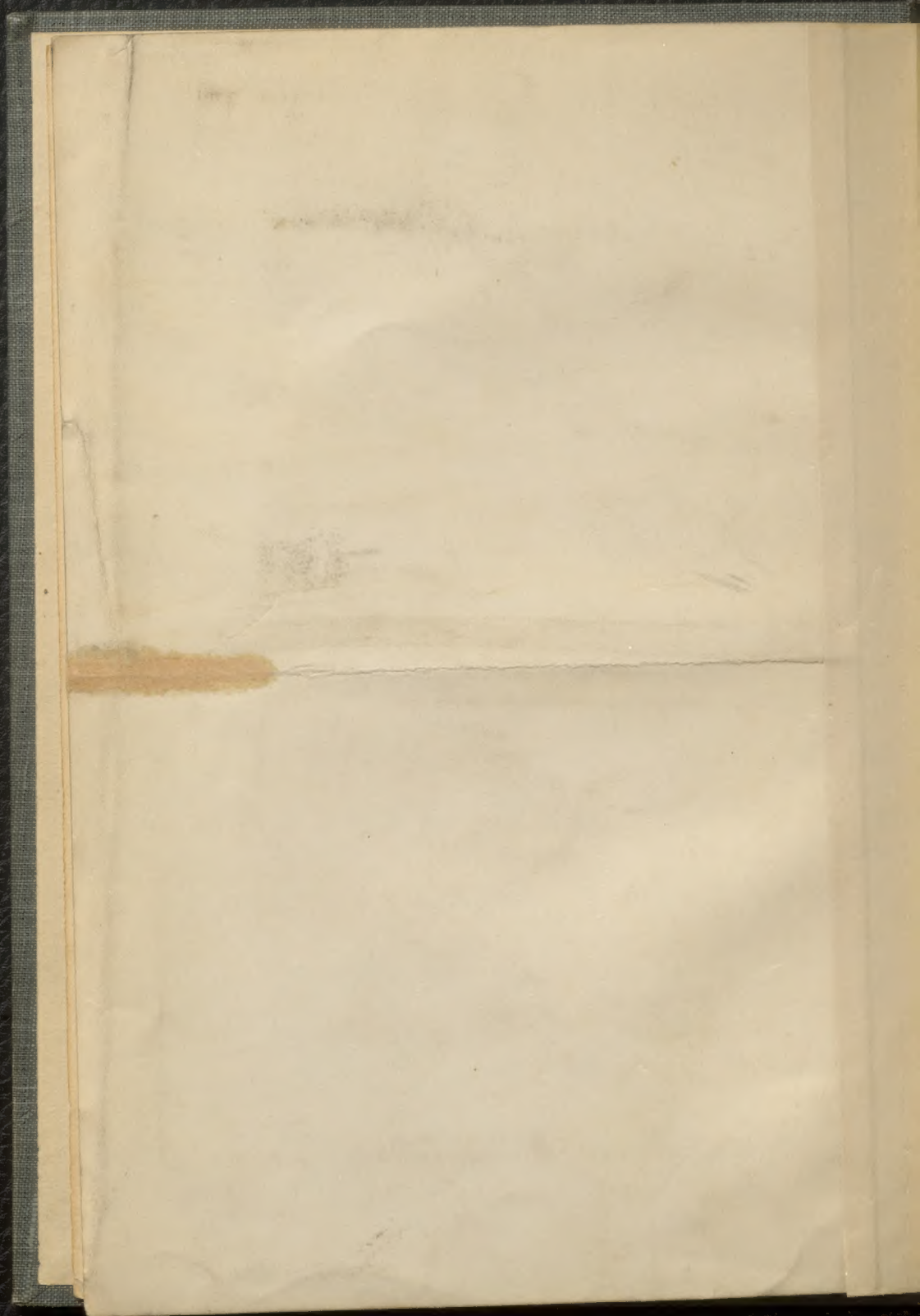
I believe I have
to send you
double thanks -
for old Ramsay
& for the delightful
treasure box
of song - I bought
4 years away
back & after it -
could not then

Wm. Mitchell
Wm. Mitchell

Wm. Mitchell

get one for myself -
I have a score
of things to say
- am too busy -
to linger over a
letter -

I have only time
to say how truly
I desire for you &
yours all that
of good 1903
brings in his
closed hands -



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Nov. 10th

1903

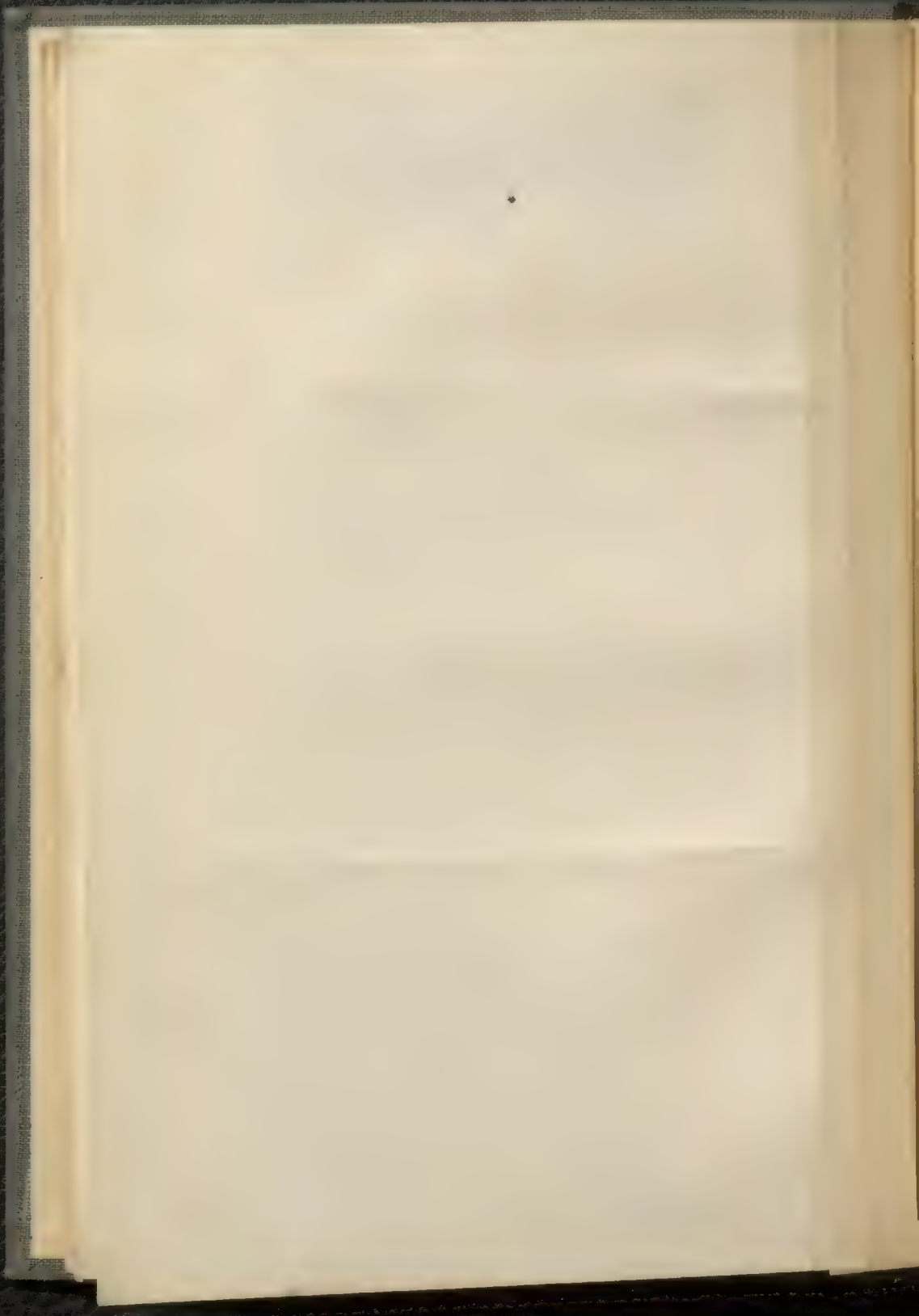
1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Nov 10

Many thanks for
the address - which
interested me as
does whatever you
write - This gift of
being interesting
is - just that - a gift -
I had from you
a pleasant letter
but no indication
of where to direct
a reply - or rather

an acknowledgment -
I have refused to
discuss at the in-
-vesting of the move-
ment to Rush -
I have never reas-
-ons against say-
-ing yes to the re-
-quest to speak at
Rush

I am now well -
stronger & better than
since our fatal
year - The number
has been -



Received

Jan. 14/6
1903

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

W. D. C.

My dear Asler -

I hope you will
pull my big cousin
out of his unfor-
tunate state. He
must be very grave-
ly ill. I would
be glad to see him
if he can be here over
night. His health
is improving. I have
long had an

1850

June 1st

W. M. W. W. W. W.

1850

1850

interest in women
who was practical.
Sometimes a poet -
The recollection of
him I found

most readable
part the full text
of this essay on
self murder - the
crime without possi-
ble reasons - I
never saw -

Thank you for the
small 5 - for the
Remembrance



Dec. 3. 1903

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Dear Asker - I am
having just enough
of a cold to claim
the privilege of a
day at home -
Hinc illa lacryma
argumenti - which is
I suspect equal to
the damn-dog latin
of Barney - on which
I am more than
puffed I think
commentary or his
lecture notes would

of Admiring -

In quoting it on p. 23 -

I should like to have
unmistakenly see (out)

from the German Bible -
Suffering unto

the day ~~are~~ - not

the evil - but the

Cares of the day -

The good word about

faith & love - I

made me like

you more & more

I. please myself

with up. phrase of

the light that beats

upon our homes &

courses with publicity -
Ben Addison pointed
over it to a class
man in his day
had never known of
Luna & Charles -

I have Remembrance
~~about~~ our early
Somewhere -

of that little classic.

Yr ever friend

W. A. Mitchell

Wm. J. Allen Esq.

has the wins of the most
imagnosely learned
See p. 7. for the puzzle.
Salomon Eccles. 19. 28.
what on earth has it to
do with "waddle like a
puffin" - There is scarce a
page without its problems
I write you of this -
- to be adjourned -
until Jan. I have to
thank you for
the sermon which I
like very much & of
I measured thanks
- had so much for
the Canada address
or rather the first
part the last - I find
as the very large full

Dec. 23 1904

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Dear Arthur — My
acquaintance is sad-
ly disturbed when
I think of what the
general profession
will lose in the way
of high minded
example when you
leave us — Some
of these addresses
I have read — I
promise myself an

Xmas time -

I have been watching weather as on
the basis of my own belief in
poor - uncertainty - & making

of Wicks & Wan - James - Wren on

a good walk with you would
be in order, but alas! that

men & women - unless by some
adventurous - which is far -

Dec 25 - 04. Wicks Mrs Wicks Whitehall

11
a readable hour over
those as yet un-read.
I lack courage to put
mine together - one
of them you may
soon hear -

I had a talk with
the Bibliopoles
here last night -
about books with a
history - quite amu-
sing it was -
My most affectionate
greetings for you &
yours in the kindest

Did I drink you my
eye. Wandering - I lost my
last - but now I have -

Stam

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

March

2nd

1906-

Dear Sir -

There is in Oxford -
- a mirror & a
letter of Harvey of
which I should

like to have at my
cost a photographic
copy of each the
size of the original.
See auction of Drury
Bower for it.
I have had his

over. No. 3. The same
something like a letter
from a man to a woman
Can a man so alter
his hand writing?
It is very curious -
Mary Power says the
will & Codicil are
not dated; but a
man. at the close
does date the
codicil - all this
will interest you -
I am always yours
Sincerely
There is room for an
ray on the Harvian
notations - The older
ones might be inter

Many were
missing when I
coasted them up
at the C. of B.
Why not do this?

Wm Allen Esq. W.D.

March 2. 06

John will - three fourths
in his own hand
a considerably well-
spaced. It is a clear,
pleasantly-minutely
handwritten script.
Like the hand of some
refined clerk - all
in the current style.
Simple, easy to read
as print. I counted
from it in wonder to
the cracked hieroglyphs
of 1616 in the matter -
a. in a later letter -
(writing) - Trayer is now
at work on this cur-
ious matter a. may

would be known here only as
(Eugene S. Mitchell)

Ward of the Court - above the
1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

portraits
friends can be
house would be

gratified - in the
then a commission -

from former houses
where they are

has this advantage
yes - the same

down some of the
house - the same

I have just seen
George who brought

Send it down -
yrs Wm Mitchell

100

[illegible]

or work on this even
our matter & may

the 1st of
up, on a hill
from the
old place.

I got this last
week 50,000 from
Carroll with a
rather pretty rate
of gratulation -
we have now in
bank 105,000
- 5,000 subscription
being for 100,000.
more

Send it down -
yrs Wm Mitchell

There are no children of
the old man.

[illegible]

it would be this or
over matter a, never.

Jan 4 1909

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

I wish, Russ could
could come over. My

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Philadelphia

- 09

Dear Arthur

My Harney pa-
per will be in
print & be read
at the associa-
tion I hope to
get up. Portia's
list to add an
an appendix -
Send it soon -
Yrs Wm Mitchell

1777

1778

1779

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1781

1782

1783

1784

1785

1786

1787

Jan 4 1909

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Dear Arthur

Thank you for
the beautiful
boat - diploma
of W. H. I laid it
for a night in
front of Lemons
Island. Then
was noble company -

in as good a
even years of anxiety
over, - the shell over.

I am also a day looking for
my new style address for
today. on the occasion of
free? new energy
seen in animals & in
plants & am having some
new work done on animal
life plants & etc
I am also making 4500
to complete the study

over

I have had a
number of mes-
sages from G. B.
of grateful advice on
the S. R. S. - I wrote
to some of my
names on the table,
mainly that for
my family etc
insert on full
nominal justice.
So I return my
diploma for correction

even years of anxiety
over - You shall know

May 1909 in specimen
to you 5 - years -

When not dead

Jan 47

1909

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

Dear Arthur — you do
interchanges pamph-
lets that I even forget
things sent or received.
You may fill up a blank
cheque of thanks as
soon conveniently
from me — The college
is quiet now & very
noble with its great
rooms & quiet. Every
one is pleased & my
seven years of anxiety
is over. — You shall hear.

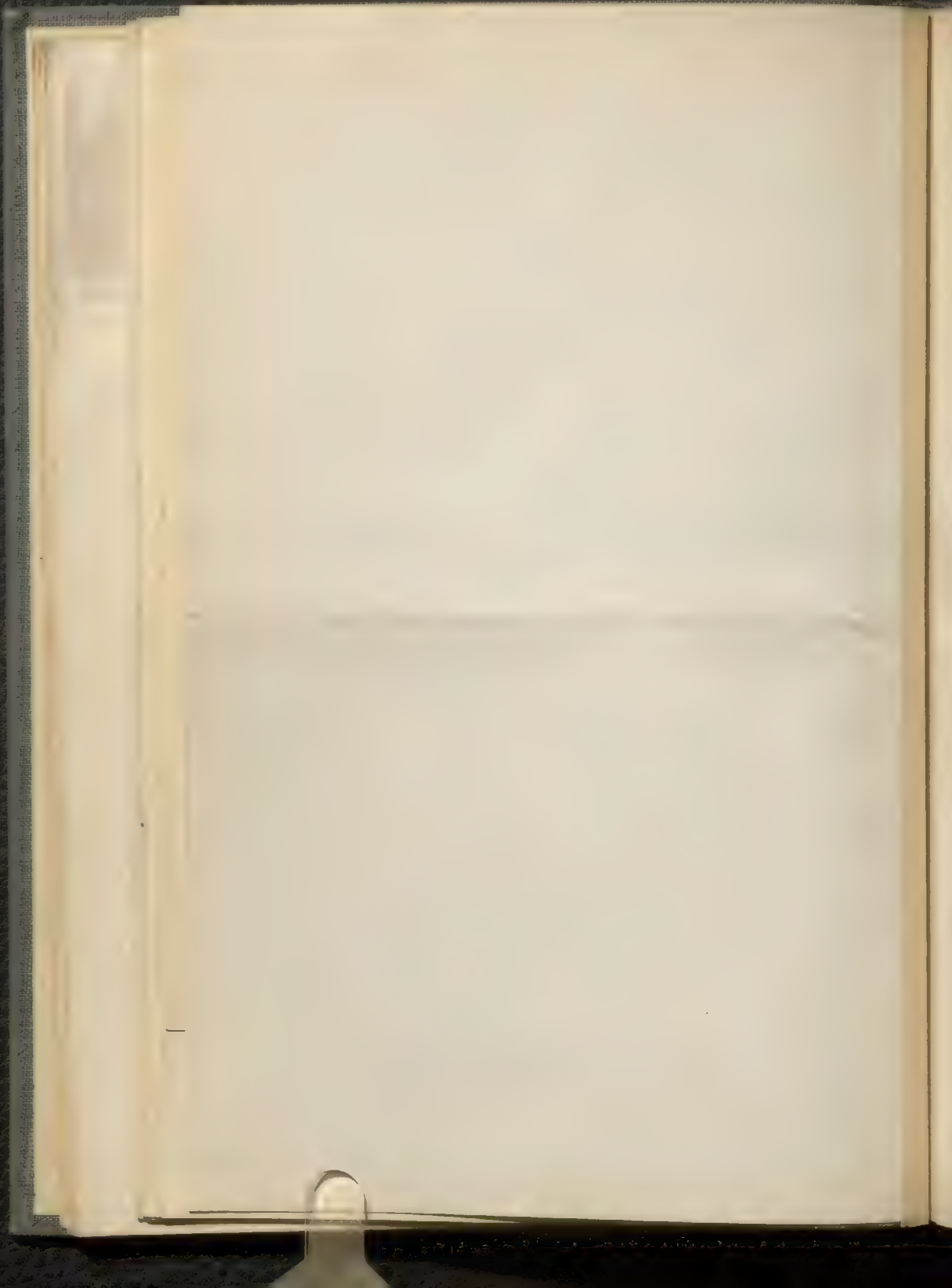
There is an unquenchable fire & conflagration
burn in the ether, of the desert with a con-
to be ruin - of the new specimen of the
very at the college has been phantasm,
which is a copy
with all good & means of speaking
for all of your name I am
you - truly -
When matters -

Am - order Day - Book - ?

many of course,
one that will get
paid. I shall send
you a bundle of more
very soon. The prof-
-essors will answer you.

What is the Royal
Society of Literature.
I am, it seems, a
foreign fellow - I am
entirely ignorant
of what it is - !

He as it answers two
year rule of masters
of music been
thoroughly studied



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Philadelphia

My Dear sister —
Thank you for Brown
to Japan. I send you
a board "Viva Mexico"
withy — humours — true,
Mexico needs it.
found an intelligent
despatch — otherwise it
is micaragua &
the devil ~~was~~ May-
death loose at

any point —
Thanks for your inform-
ation concerning the U.S.
of Liberia. It seems it was

you are in Berlin commission - strong in
a unique gift - if upon shipping on the
main & labor above me on -
I never know about - you be on it

records are crying for help of the small
 part in Cuba - for to add a second
 copy will do no harm - I shall
 send the record you can make of the
 quantity needed - of good length the
 of the 100 - the number the name
 of the 100 - the name -
 at Peoria accounts
 at Illinois
 at

1910-3-30

1
New method

Read Peck's account of Prince Henry's
fatal illness - & do Court or Peck's
portrait -

The first Cycl. Bour - no
Brog. Bour is rich with
bits of Henry & some ex
aspirations - references -
Henry's lineage ought to
be traceable back of his
father - one of the Elwyns
Jacks. married people
married a Henry of Rux
near Wm. people but
Elwyn married a Walter
Henry - married people -
there is still dispute
Henry Bour built a life
G. basis of Henry to be
written -

Phelps gave W. B. a
hospital for tuberc
G; \$10,000 a year to run
it - some ^{year} ago - about
\$60,000 to endow Medi
cal research - I am

2, born about 1819. Byrd &
Coleridge were members —
They have sent me a half
dozen very interesting re-
prints. We are to hear at
the College -- 2. to a lecture
on the public -- on
great m. d's -- I head off
with Slavery -- It set me to
collecting up original
information -- I have
spent time over many queer
books all to be found in
the Phil. Library -- an always
amazing collection,
Woods Garris & Peck
I desiderate curiosities
near much about Slavery
but a desirable gossip
for an evening interview --
try it

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

January 14, 1916.

My dear Osler:

I enclose a curious "find" concerning Mr. Harvey. Although Mead hinted at death by suicide, and Searbrough (see Aubrey) says that Harvey seems to have prepared for it, I do not believe it; but I found yesterday in a note the statement I send. Naturally it has been overlooked, for it requires courage to tackle the huge volumes of those old county histories. We have not here Morant's Essex (vol. 11, p. 536). It may be well to look at it.

I still think it might be worth while to write "The Life and Times of Harvey". I cannot find the reference to Mead's story of Harvey's death. I

saw it somewhere.

That Bacon, Harvey's patient, in all his nine volumes says not a word of Harvey or his discovery seems to me ~~most~~ amazing.

The most odd of all my 'finds' in regard to Harvey proved to be in the end of no moment--a mistake-- owing to the incorrectness of one of these county historians. In Salmon's history of Essex there is an account of the Harveys, with nothing new except that in a note he quotes Aubrey as authority for the story of Harvey's life having been saved by a stream. The story is too long to report in a letter, but quite worth your while looking up.

After searching Aubrey's volume of Miscellanies, the edition of 1734 and page 34, I found what I was looking for; but it was not Harvey who was saved by a

dream, but Harvey, of whom you know
something. Was there ever a queerer
blunder? To be certain I would like to
look at the edition of Aubrey of 1781,
which is that which Salmon quotes, and
which I have not.

This ends my Harvey matters. I
had written the largest part of the
letter, but had so many corrections that
I have asked my secretary to typewrite
it, to save your aged eyes.

We are in the midst of a tremendous
snow storm, the second of the winter,
and everybody is saying that it is an
old-fashioned specimen of winter weather.

Vale, tunc ex anima,

Wm Mitchell

Dr. William Osler.

I have now explained all the
possible sources of Hawaiian
names of the day - one thing I mention
as yet. I have now seen - I have
known names in early documents
of H. in the form of living names -
I have now seen - I have now seen -

Finished

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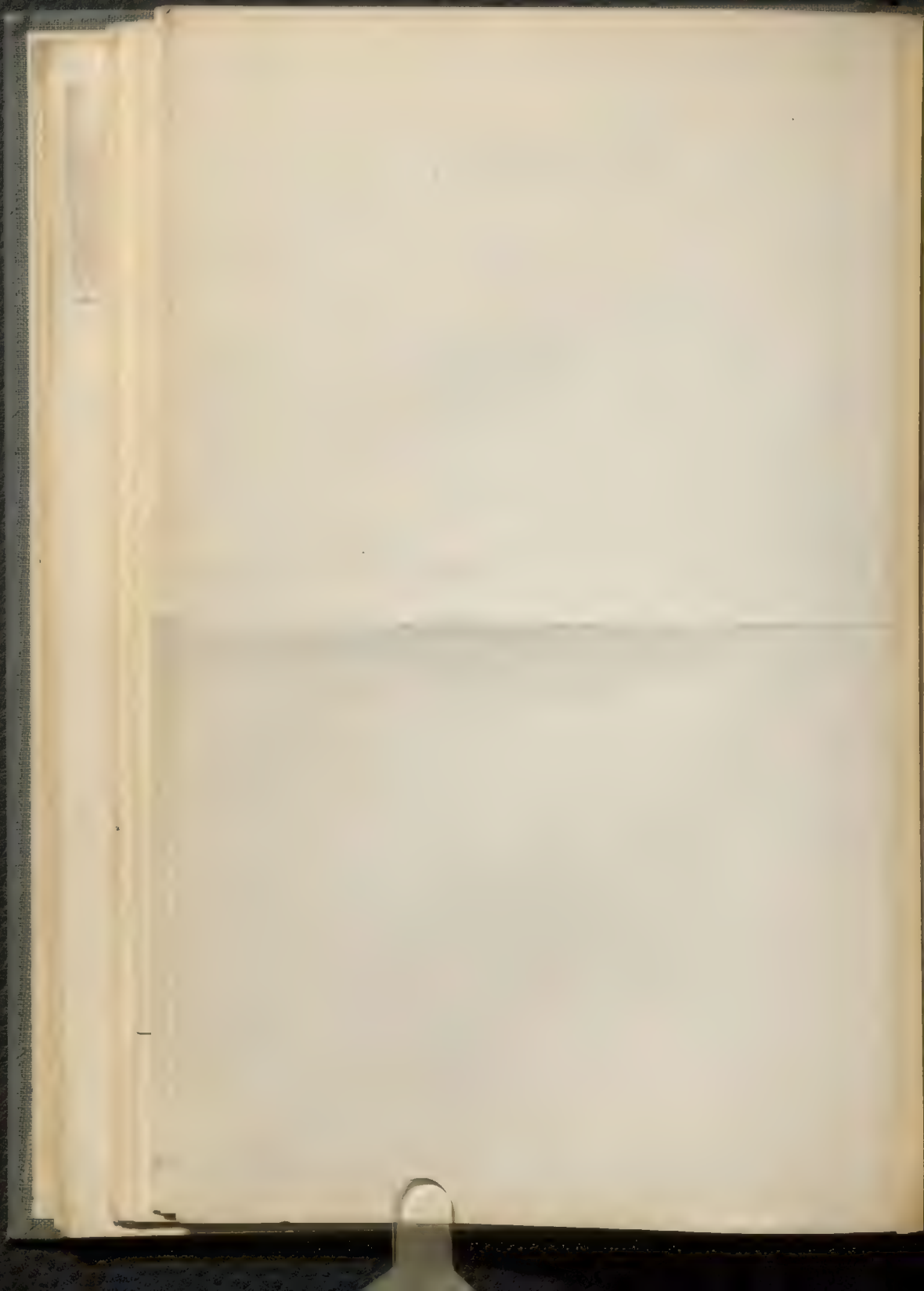
February 8, 1910.

My dear Osler:

All that business about the Harvey letters sticks in my head a little and seems to me to be incredibly stupid. The reports of the Commissioners are always sent to the Philadelphia Library by the British Government and have been for many years, so that if they come out, if I am alive, I shall see them.

There is another source of material about Harvey quite neglected, in regard to which there must be a good deal of manuscript material in the records of the Courts; that is, his long law suit with the heirs of Lord Lumley.

I am beginning to think that I send you too long letters, but the cacoethes scribendi is a malady most incident to age.



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and so you will have to put up with me.

I think I wrote you that I had found since then Morant's Essex, and now I see that a descendant of Harvey's brother, Viscount Maidstone, is going to marry a Philadelphia girl. I wonder whether there are any Harvey matters still in possession of Lord Maidstone's family.

Very truly yours,

S. W. Mitchell
S.W.

Prof. Wm. Osler, M.D.

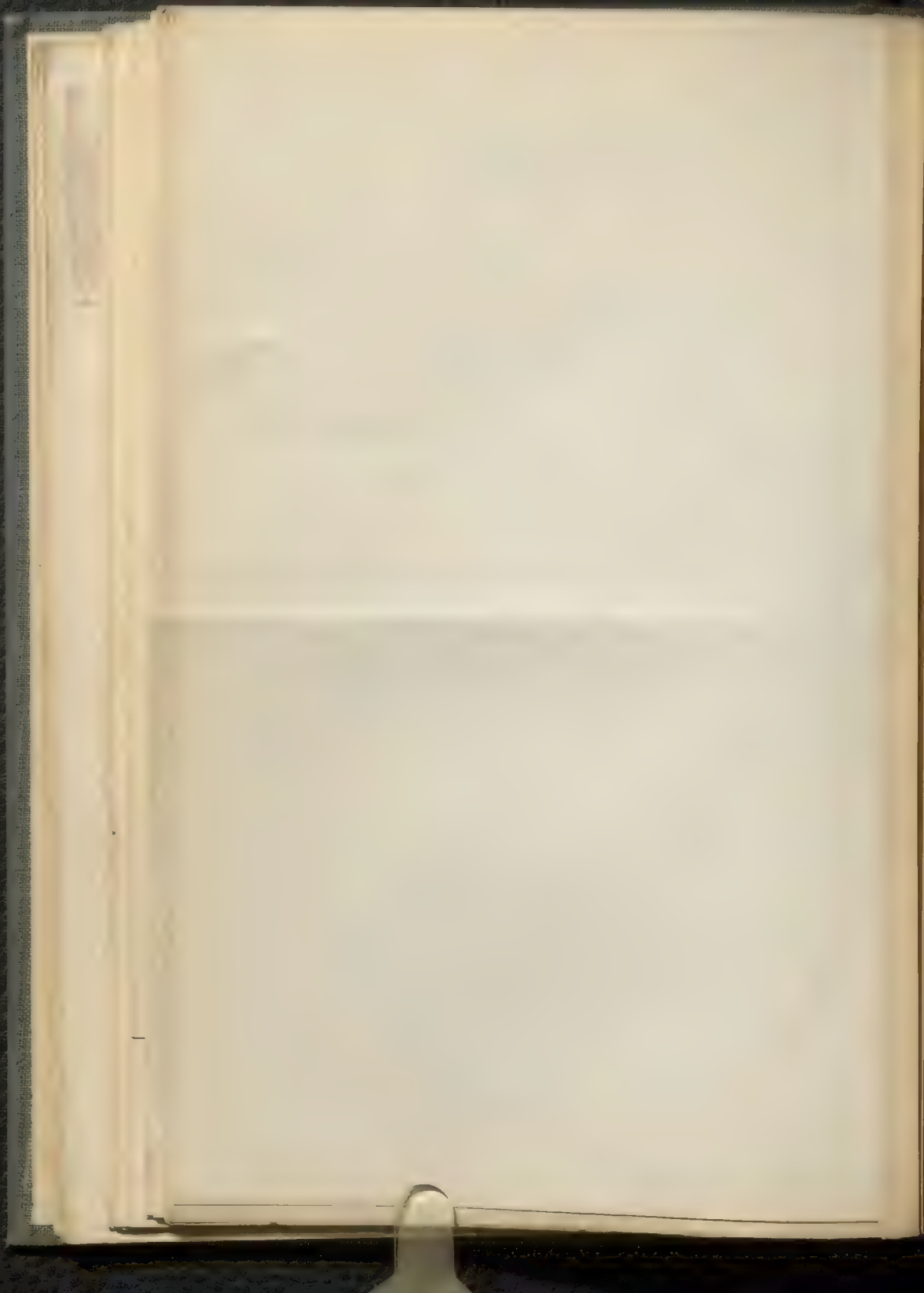


1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

December 6, 1910.

My dear Osler:

I forgot in writing to you the other day to say that I am having one or two matters about Harvey looked up by my London agents through John S. Billings. I want to know at once from you what you can tell me about those letters you mentioned, which are to appear in the next volume of the Record Office and not to be seen for two years. I mean to make an effort through the American Ambassador to see if I cannot break through this ridiculous situation and obtain copies of these letters. Now tell me just about what they are, why they cannot be seen, and to whom application must be made; then I will write to Whitelaw Reid and



threaten a war with Great Britain in case they are not immediately forthcoming.

Alas, Great Britain! I think we do not sufficiently value the fact that we live in a country with a constitution which cannot be upset by a single act of the Lower House of Congress. Now, you are really on the brink of what seems to be a political revolution. All who love England feel sorry the shillelagh has become so potent in the politics of Great Britain.

Yours very truly,

L. Henry Mitchell

William Osler, M.D.



1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

January 3, 1911.

My dear Esler:

I have been expecting to hear from you, but this is not a reminder of failure to reply, but a simple New Year greeting to a friend.

The new year has opened sadly for us with the recent news of the death of Fannie Leigh, the wife of the Dean of Hereford, whom I dare say you know. She has been a friend since childhood and a relation by marriage. Whenever you are in the way of seeing Fannie Leigh's daughter, now Lady Butler, do not fail to profit by the chance. This young woman is very dear to us, and her husband is a typical specimen of the best Irish gentleman.

As for news here, you may have heard or not that I have resigned my Trusteeship at the University, after thirty-five years' service. There is the usual constant hot water in the Faculty, and I believe this is the case wherever doctors are associated together in teaching positions. What, causes it?

Harrison also goes out, and the new Provost comes in with a little doubt in my mind as to his fitness all around, and a great deal of regret that the most splendid chemical career of the day in America is going to be, in fact must be, cut short.

Reichert is doing another wonderful piece of work, ^{on} what he calls the "starch crystals"; that is to say, starch grains. I believe that Woodward, of the Carnegie,

thinks it even more interesting than his work on the "Blood crystals", which he will take up again as soon as the present research is over.

Getting out of the University relieves me from committees. In fact, I have said to my wife, if I died, she must put over my grave, "committed to the grave", since it seems to me I do nothing else except attend committees.

I suppose I have a thousand things to say to you, but they escape me in this process of dictation. I have finished a novel which has been on my desk more or less for three years. As usual there is a medical sketch, that of a paranoiac. Also, I have been thinking of writing sermons, and I put forth my

claim to a

title, "Sermons from the Pew", which is all

x I have done as yet. I think the pew has something to say to the pulpit, and a pro-
pos of this (why have we no English for a propos?) thank you for your sermon.

There are many more things I would say, which must (as my Scotch ancestors would have said) bide a wee.

Give my affectionate regards to Mrs. Osler, and rest assured that you have my best wishes for the year and the years to come. Some day I must make acquaintance with your boy. If you see Sir. Wm. Markby, say a kind word for me, and to any other Oxford friends.

I am sorry Anne Thomson has left Oxford. I felt more easy about her while she was under your wing.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Wm. Osler.

Wm Mitchell

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1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

January 28, 1911.

My dear Osler:

I am indeed grateful for these interesting letters, which but for your obstinacy and my own would not have seen the light of day for some years to come.

I shall be careful to comply with the conditions.

In the meanwhile, my dear friend, I thank you very much for your own share in procuring these interesting documents.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Mitchell

William Osler, M.D.

I wonder if the
Lord of Warrick
may not have
knew M. S. —
is yet unpub-
lished — It is
worth — the
reading —

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

February 6, 1911.

My dear Osler:

You may think me a perfect nuisance with my letters, but when I am on the track of some little bit of literary investigation, I have the eagerness of a hound on a warm scent.

The letters I am allowed to use by the Manuscript Commission are of singular interest and are curious revelations of character. I shall print them some time before very long, with some ~~of the~~ other fresh material about Harvey.

There is one thing I have been trying to run down and cannot. Dr. Mead is credited with the statement that Harvey poisoned himself. I cannot find the reference to this in anything that Mead



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has written, nor in D'Arcy Power's Life, nor in that of Willis. It has become interesting since my discovery of a note in one of the County Histories, in which a descendant of Harvey describes his having taken poison when he discovered that he had become blind. How this could have been invented without the aid of a newspaper reporter, I do not see; otherwise, as you know, Aubrey is the only witness as to the mode of Harvey's death.

With one thing and another we have had a busy winter. I shall talk Harvey on the first of April (his birthday) to the Harvey Society of New York, and hope before that time to have a little trip



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to Cuba with Sir William VanHorn.

With my constant and most affectionate
regards to Mrs. Osler, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Wm Osler

William Osler, M.D.



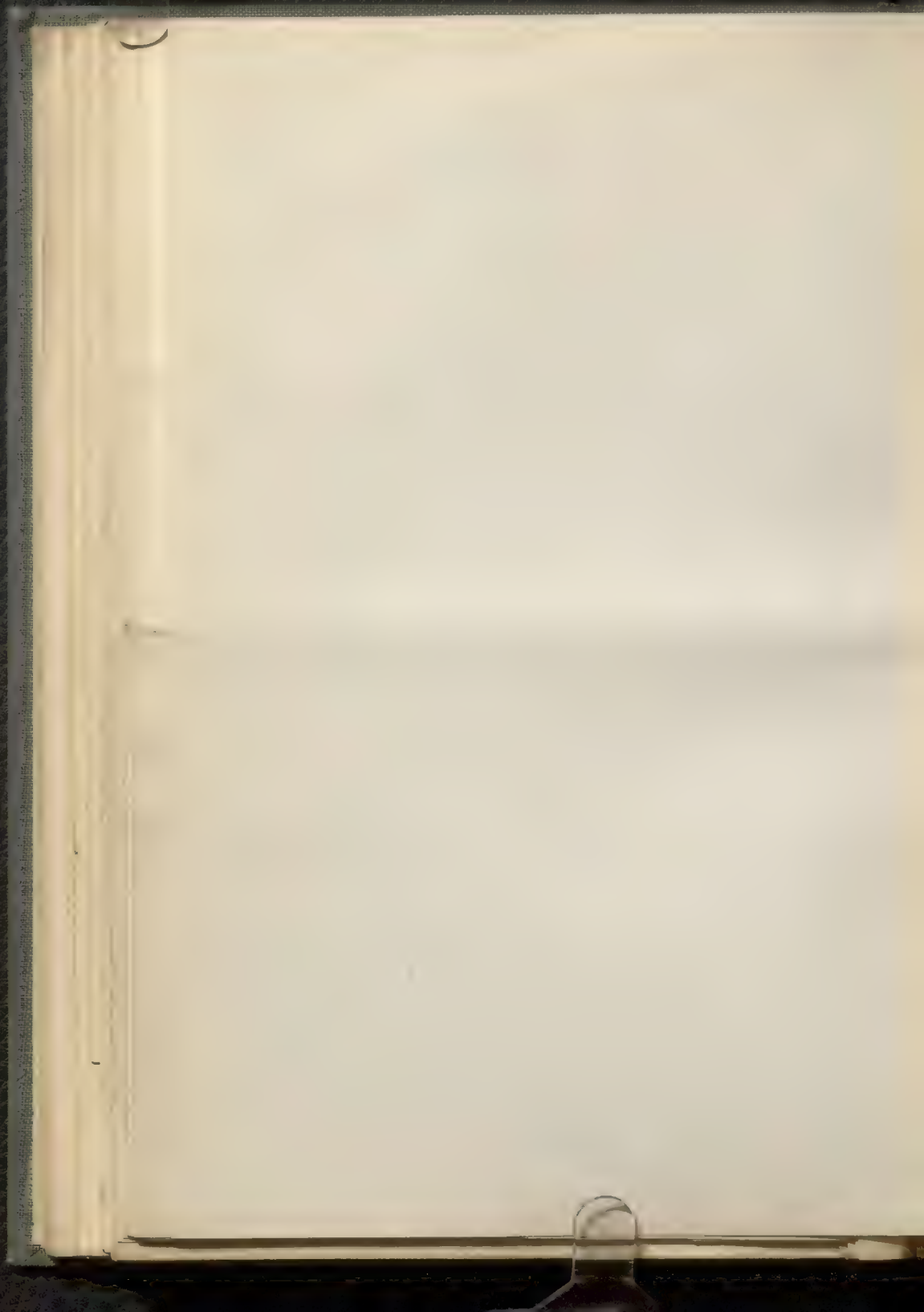
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March 21, 1911.

My dear Osler:

By this time you have concluded that the curse of a corresponding friend has come upon you; but this cannot be helped. Do not forget about Sir Vere Isham. I much want the whole of that letter of the Bishop's.

Now, a question you can answer easily. Harvey was a lesser pensioner at Caius College, Cambridge. Please tell me what was the difference between a lesser pensioner and a greater pensioner. This will decide the question as to whether Harvey's father was sending his son there with some difficulty or not. Always the question of where the Harvey money came from remains for me a puzzle.



I am afraid I have worn out the patience of D'Arcy Power by my queries about Harvey, but it cannot be helped. I am now pretty well done with him, or shall be after I deliver my lecture to the Harvey Society on April 1st, in New York.

It is rather an amazing thing to me that the greatest of English physicians should be the one great Englishman about whom no great biography has yet been written. If I were in your place, I would undertake it. Whether D'Arcy Power ever will or not, I do not know. He has all I could give him.

Very truly yours,

Wm Osler

William Osler, M.D.



1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

April 5, 1911.

My dear Osler:

I send you a copy of a note which I wrote you during January. I suppose, I have the American impatience of slowness of action added perhaps to the impatience of age. I should like to know if you have heard anything of the matter here mentioned; or whether it has failed entirely, or whether I must attack this gentleman from some other direction.

I am now putting together all that is novel about Harvey which I have found in the last year, including the interesting letters I obtained through your kindness. Their dates are somewhat puzzling.

I have also of late written to the Earl of Winchilsea through our Ambassador,



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to ask whether his family have in their possession any relics or letters of Harvey which may have come down through his maternal ancestor ~~through~~ Daniel Harvey's daughter -

I remember that you told me you were going away for two or three months, but presume you may have sent my letter before you left, and may have had a reply. I do not like to trouble you, but nobody hesitates to trouble me and I may as well pass it on.

Yours very truly,

Wm Osler

William Osler, M.D.



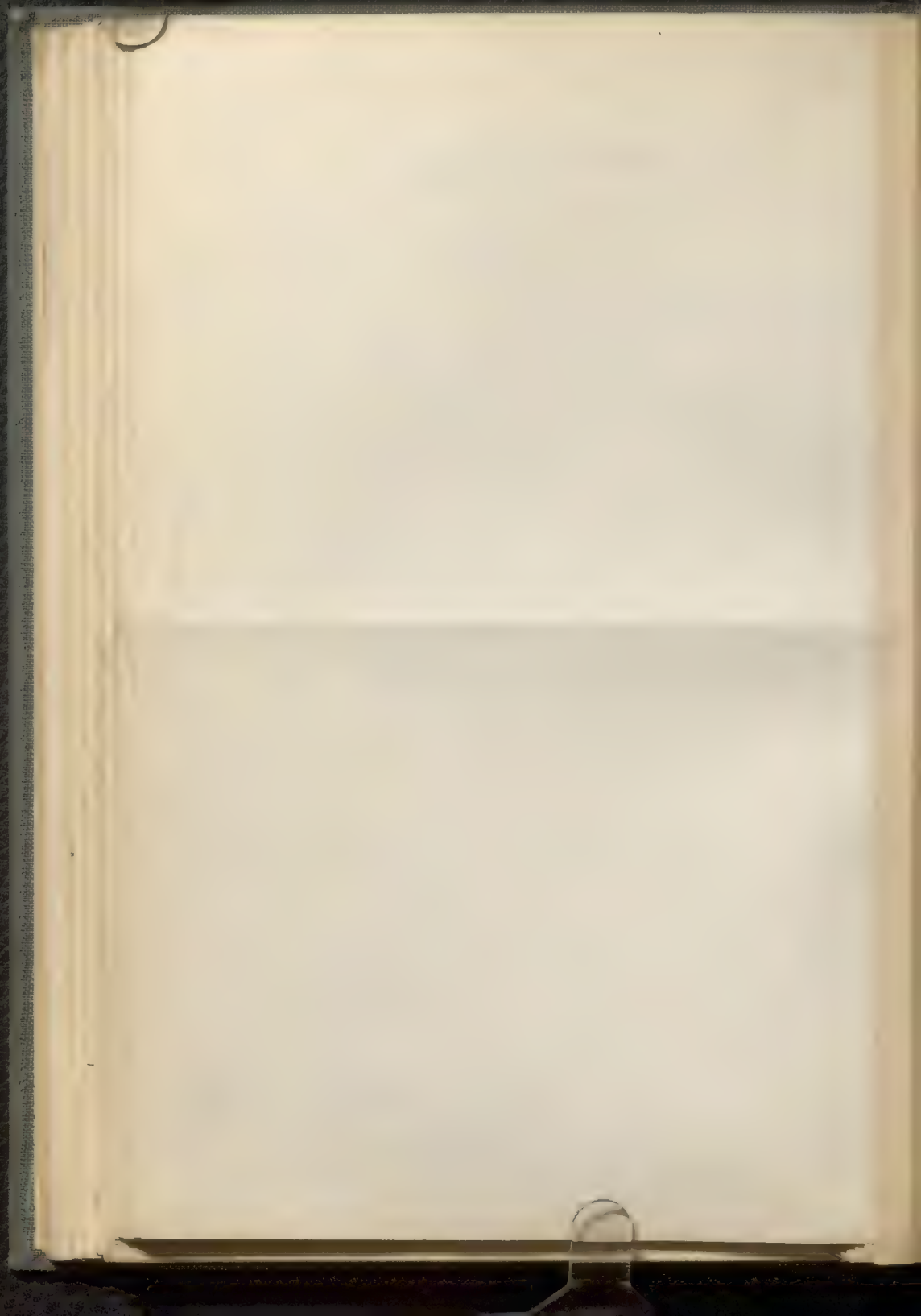
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April 17, 1911.

My dear Osler:

Thanks for your little note,
and I hope we may get something out of
Winchilsea. I must see that letter of
Bishop Duppa's. I shall wait to bring
out my rather disconnected article con-
cerning Harvey until I hear from these two
possible sources of information.

Will you look over for me a book, the
name of which I enclose. It is a pamphlet
of seventy pages, and is not in any of the
libraries in America. It must be in the
Bodleian, and please to amuse yourself
by running over it for me and telling me
if there is anything in it at all about
Harvey. It is a horrid thing to lack the
service of a perfect library.



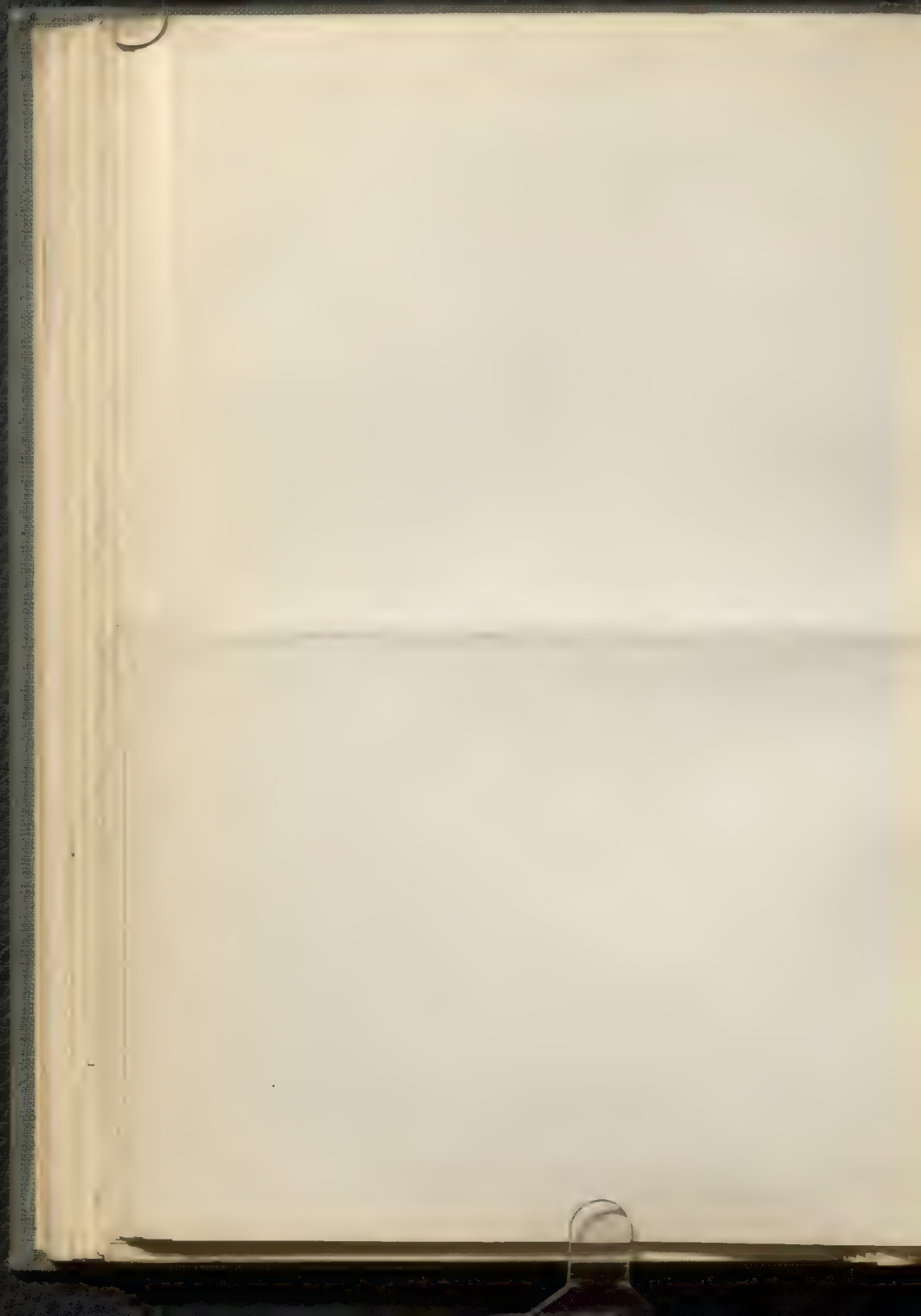
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May 24, 1911.

My dear Osler:

I send you the "Evening Post" because it has so full an account of the wonderful library in New York, and also a little booklet which they gave me at the opening yesterday.

I begin to despair about our untraceable Sir Vere Isham. It seems to me nothing but a wireless telegram could reach him. I hate to bother you so, but please to go on. In the fall I shall have ready a little booklet of rather disconnected matter about Harvey. I have a clear mind now as to the man and his character, which was greatly assisted by those splendid letters you got for me.



I have written to the French Academy,
through Prof. Dejerine, asking them to con-
sider reprinting in autotype facsimile
the "Christianismi Restitutio" of Servetus.
If you know, as you must, any of the more
important men there, I wish you would
write them about it.

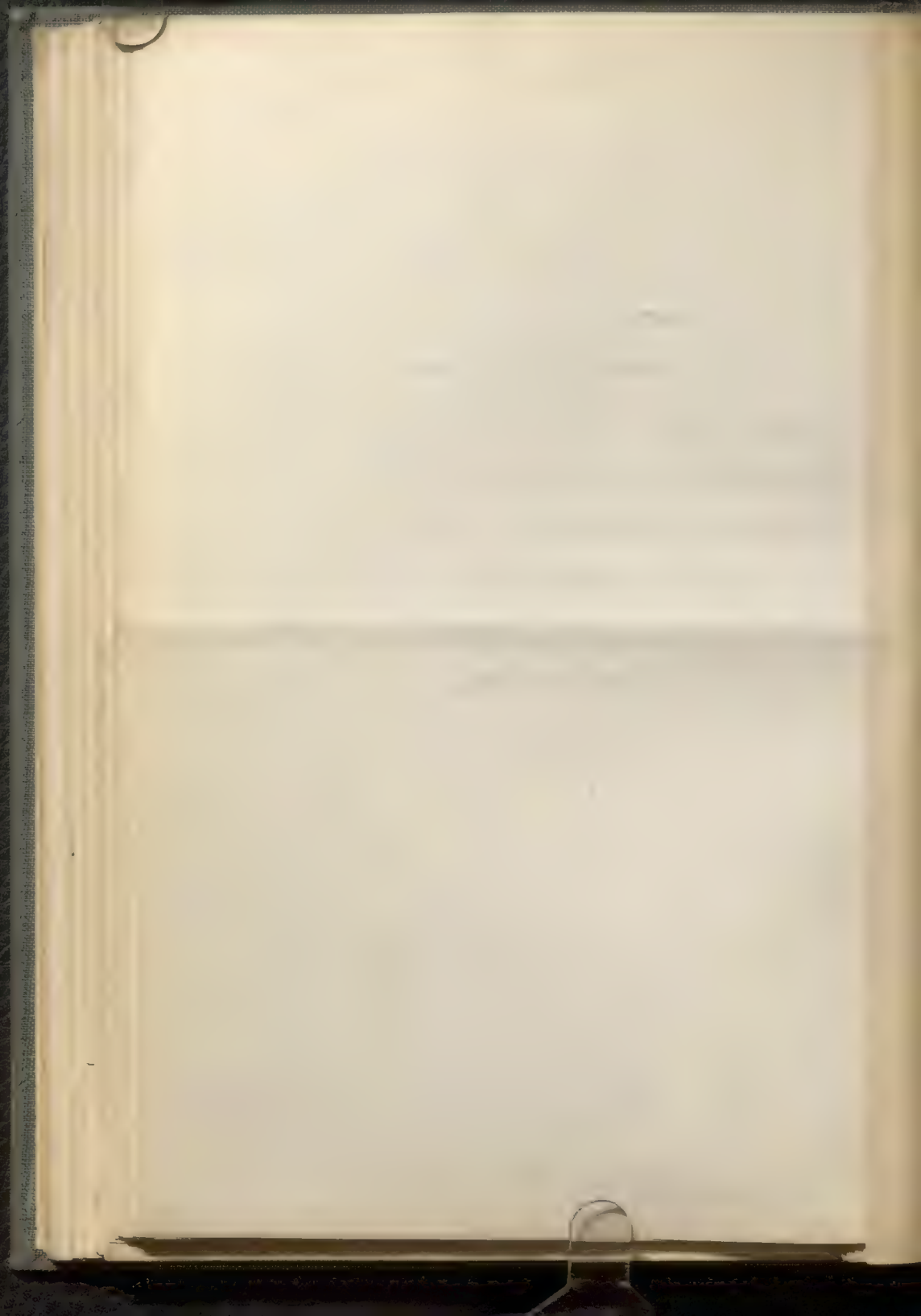
I also send by this mail a copy of
my new book, "John Sherlock, Ironmaster."

Yours always,

*most obedtly,
I decline to sign it in*

William Osler, M.D.

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1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

My Dear Arthur -
I read your little
book last night
& shall read it
once again. I am
glad to have es-
caped the ordeal
of merely saying
as you must have
felt. Good I believe,
helps to on my un-
belief - as I get
near the fatal
mark - I

... conclude
that she will,
against all her
wants, waste in
death her mental
accumulations
any more than
her mere assisting
material.

How does this all
express itself to you?
And how can a
man reach the
position C. E. W.
expresses in the
letter I inclose.

Let me know in
a year -

I grow in anticipa-
tion of your
last news -

Yrs. always

Wm. Mitchell

Wm. C. C. Esq.

mon. I am on the
floor on this mat-
ter. I have a
self-worn the only
of this world -
wondering which I
have never had
the courage to put
on paper. It has
helped me to keep
afloat spiritually -
indeed, seeing
how miserly is na-
ture. How she
clings on to her
possessions & her
civilised - wavings.

1524 Walnut Street
Philadelphia

December 22, 1911.

My dear Osler:

Thank you very much for your long letter and for the trouble you took about the pictures, which I herewith dismiss from mind.

My Harvey is not a lecture, but a collection of disconnected articles about that great man, some of which will be new even to you; and of course I reprinted all the letters obtained from the family of Lord Denbigh.

Thank you very much for the promised photograph of the Harvey at University College. I have been having correspondence about the Harvey Arms, some of it rather late for use. In the course of a month I shall send you several copies of

moment did not recognize her.

Yours always,

Wm Mitchell

Sir William Osler, M.D.

my paper, and you may use them as you think best. I await with the impatience which belongs to my years for the other volume of Harvey Notes, and am perfectly conscious that the present notes have not been sufficiently studied; there is a world of interest in them.

Thanks for the Laennec. I have just received a four-page letter of Koch, which I shall have framed as soon as I can get a competent photograph. We have had a great many gifts to the College. The last one is a lot next door (where a stable stood). It has now been made over to the College free of charge, being really a gift of \$45,000.

I had a pleasant surprise meeting Lady Osler on Chestnut Street. I did not know she was in the country, and for the

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PHILADELPHIA

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March 26, 1912.

My dear Osler:

I have just received your letter, and as I have nothing immediate on hand I reply and thank you in advance.

I sent you two copies of the "Harvey", and now send a copy to the Radcliffe College Library and the British Museum Library. I have distributed them pretty freely to friends in London. Also, I had printed enough copies for each Fellow to get one, as a part of our Proceedings; and I sent them to the various descendants of the Harvey family, like Lord Winchilsea and Heneage Finche. If you think of anybody else who ought to have a copy, I will send copies.

I am more than pleased with the reception of this little piece of work, and have a very enthusiastic letter from Adami with regard to it. Indeed, it is quite wonderful that I should have been left to discover so much about Harvey as is reported in my two papers and seems to have been ignored or not known by English doctors.

Dr. Elwyn, the father of my first wife, said that his own family (Kentish people) had intermarried with two sets of Harveys, and that one of them was descended from William Harvey's uncle. This could be decided, I think, if one were in England for a while. Much I could



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have known is closed to me by the fact that I am not in your distracted land.

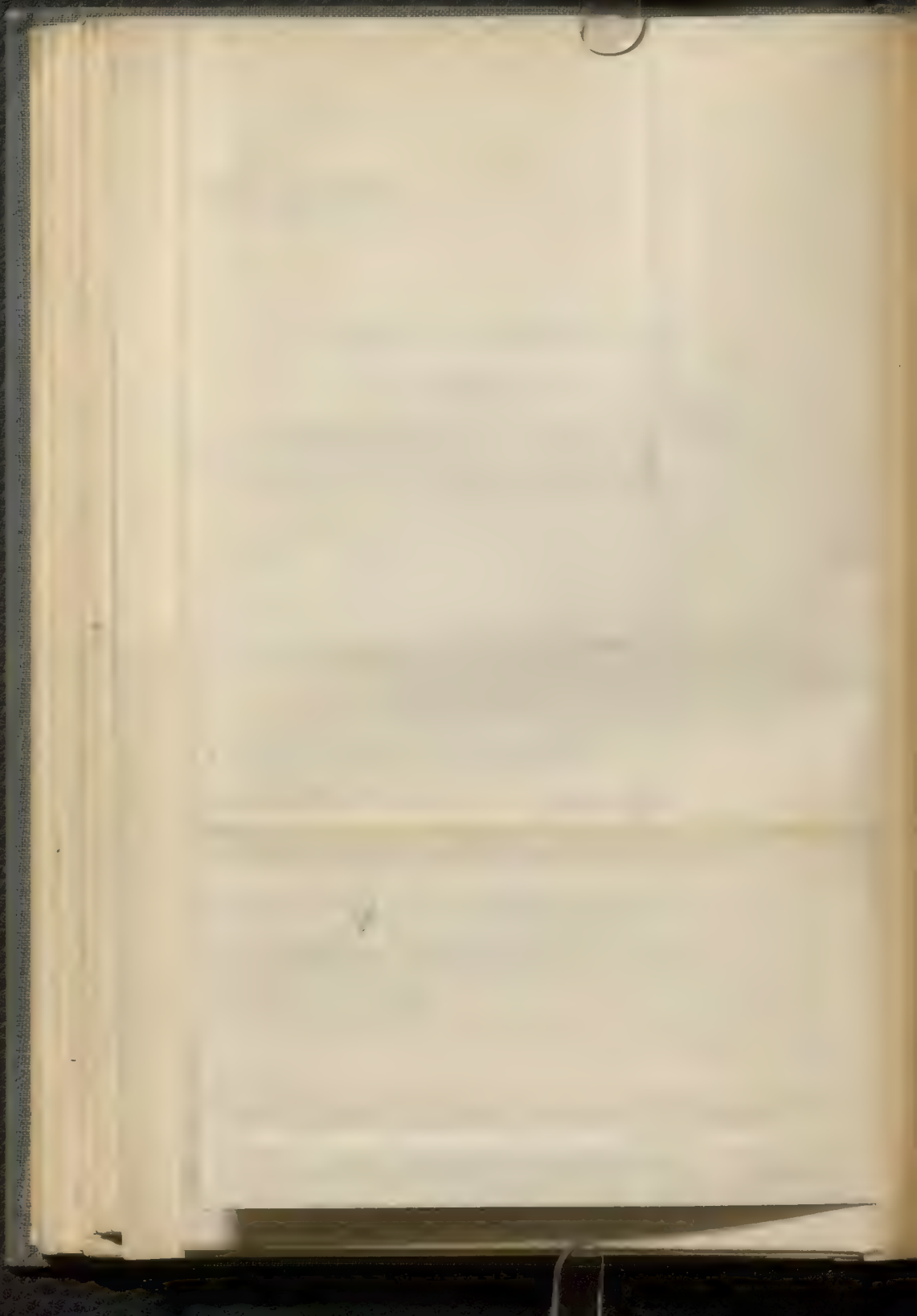
recovery I am most thankful for what you tell me about your *Denny* ~~son~~ and his brief illness. It is curious that in Bermuda, from whence I have just returned, there was practically no pneumonia until the New York convalescents from that disease began to come there twenty years ago, since which it has become common.

Finally, I think, I ought to have that "Epistle to Riolanus". I have long been on the look out for it. I have just discovered at the College what I had given up for lost -- a long consultation letter by Rush in the case of the mother of Washington, who was dying of cancer.

Yours very truly,

Wm. Mitchell

Sir William Osler, M.D.



28 June 1912

after July 12

Bar Harbor

CASCAPEDIA CLUB,

GRAND CASCAPEDIA,

QUEBEC,

CANADA.

Tell your son that
I killed a 45 pound
salmon last week,
or two days before
there - 40, 39, 29. The
of less importance
is it that you are
a Bart. What is that
to me. For whom
you are long ago
as high in the
peerage of British
ship. A burning mummy
alas! I can come
among the mummies -

e interested in the romance of Agnes

I am writing you all please - I wish
the no. drawn of the U.S.
I cannot do or say well, the P.T. over
6-8-80! Keep an eye on any
Heavenly being for me - I quit
writing from the war work paper
samples of letters - I have been given
to put at you about leaving - I hope
you - Could I learn at the Nevada
office when I'm 41 - you know? 1982
even - me -! Good night, Maria Anna.

I cannot - I cannot
be any - for in this
fall my paper on
Slavery will be ready,
but for this, I fear,
from what I read. With
this a note that he
has no Slavery matter -
and now I am
after the Veneage
Finch of Boston on the
Herald -

ford
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the
ble
here
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ure

Be stopped!
I am pleased
that no one can
write a good life of
Slavery without some
reference to me - It
is something to be a

be interested in the romance of Agnes

for only four —
Linn has verily dealt
with that splendid
penage. Lowell, Holmes,
Alex. Agassiz, Brewster
and Cass M. Norton
and Aldrich; I am
the last of nine
children, one only, Sister
Therese, please to
take care of the new
Baronet —

Did you get my new
book? You will like it
but ^{it} is for the mature only
to be read slowly
for the birds know more.
Y^r Sir Wm Graham
Thar suppa letter I

Bar Harbor, Maine.

Received Aug 3rd 1911 at Oxford
July 21/12

Bar Harbor, Maine.

My dear Osler:-

I send you what will, I
am sure, interest you for two or three
reasons. In the first place, because
it is an American memoir in which the
family history is not traced back to
William, the Conqueror, or anybody in ¹⁶¹¹
~~that period~~ It is quite as comfortable
to be ascendants as descendants; and there
is some psychological matter in this little
paper which I think you will consider as
worth attention. Mrs. Osler - I beg
your pardon, Lady Osler - will I am sure
be interested in the romance of Agnes

So only four —
Time has been so dear
with what splendid

cal papers of the kind you and I like to write, which are of the life of the profession's great men, but I have been and shall be absorbed this summer in a novel I began last year in order to fill up my vacant hours, for indeed I wonder what people do with their time in a resort like this. I do not play bridge. I walk in the afternoons alone or, what I like better, with some pleasant young woman, but the long hours of the morning must find occupation. I probably shall be this year and next year before I finish the book, which concerns the time of Buchanan's administration and the war. No one has sufficiently put on paper the home influences, the changes in families which that period brought on, or the extreme bitterness of party.

Bar Harbor, Maine.

how soon you consider a catalogue here, people in England have had the first shot at it and, as for me, I scarcely ever succeed in getting what I want. Had I been in London, I would have had it and you would have had it. Perhaps you got it. I hope so.

I think you are going to consider seriously, in the light of my misfortune about the Harvey papers, ^{the} giving us that letter about Harvey which we lack to make our own splendid collection complete. If I had you at dinner with a little Good Madeira, I think I could soften your bibliographical heart..

I have had a dozen schemes in mind about medi-

four - only four -
Time has been really dealt
with most splendid.

Penn and you in the enormous number of doctors my family has produced. I printed but fifty copies of this and do not propose that it should get into outside hands.

I had another disappointment in London the other day when a page of Burns' accounts as a guager had on the back a long letter written by my great grandfather praising his work. I bid thirty-five pounds on this, an absurd price. Then my agent learned that the bids on the other side were practically limitless. I had a similar annoyance when I tried to buy for you the travels of John Brown, the son of our beloved doctor knight. I meant to give it to you but, as usual, no matter

Bar Harbor, Maine.

I have been also interested in securing commemoration by bronze tablets on the field of Gettysburg at all the points where field hospitals were placed or where do^ctors were killed and wounded. Thirteen suffered in that great battle and how many confederates, I do not know. Eighty remained with their wounded and finally were sent back with benedictions across the lines to their rebel states. All this will interest you, and I do not remember ever having spent a more wonderful two days than I spent at Gettysburg with Charles Francis Adams, fifty years

give it to you but, as usual, no matter

was, I am sure, happier on a salmon river where we killed
fish of a size to make your young man envy.

Pray assure Lady Osler of my undiminished
affection and, with remembrances from Mrs. Mitchell, be-
lieve me,

Always sincerely yours,

Wm Mitchell

July twenty-second, 1912.

from the time when he commanded a troop on this field where my brother was with John Reynolds when he was killed, while I was within a few hours at Westminster, until I was turned back with a carload of wounded. Mr. Baer of the Reading Road was also a Lieutenant in the army and we had a last survivor of the great cavalry leaders, General Wilson. Besides that, my brother-in-law, Cadwalader, ~~who~~ helped to fuse the parties socially and we had two days which could only have been more satisfactory if I had had you with me.

I suppose I ought to have gone ~~off~~ over to the Royal Society Meeting, but I hesitate about going far from home and

give it to you but, as usual, no matter

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November 7, 1912.

Dear Osler:

I find on my table this morning the Eighth Edition of your "Principles and Practice of Medicine". It has come just in time. I usually keep one or two "Principles and Practice of Medicine" for immediate reference.

I am very happy this morning in the disastrous defeat of Roosevelt, whom I dislike personally, politically, and in every other way. I think we shall do well to have a trial of the Democratic Party, since the great Republican Party with its many achievements is suffering from senile degeneration. Enough of that!

I see there is for sale in Boston a portrait of Harvey said to be by Janssen. I suspect it to be the one about which you wrote to me and which you decided was probably a fake. They now want \$1800 for it, which would be cheap and makes one the more suspect that it is not the real thing.

I had a letter from Major-General Sir Francis Lloyd the other day, ~~thanking me for a copy of my last Harvey memoir.~~ He tells me that he has one very fine portrait of Harvey by Dobson at Rollscourt, and as soon as he gets back from a voyage taken for his health, he will have a photograph made of it and sent to me. He speaks of some Harvey things in his house, and begs me to come and look at them and stay with him. I



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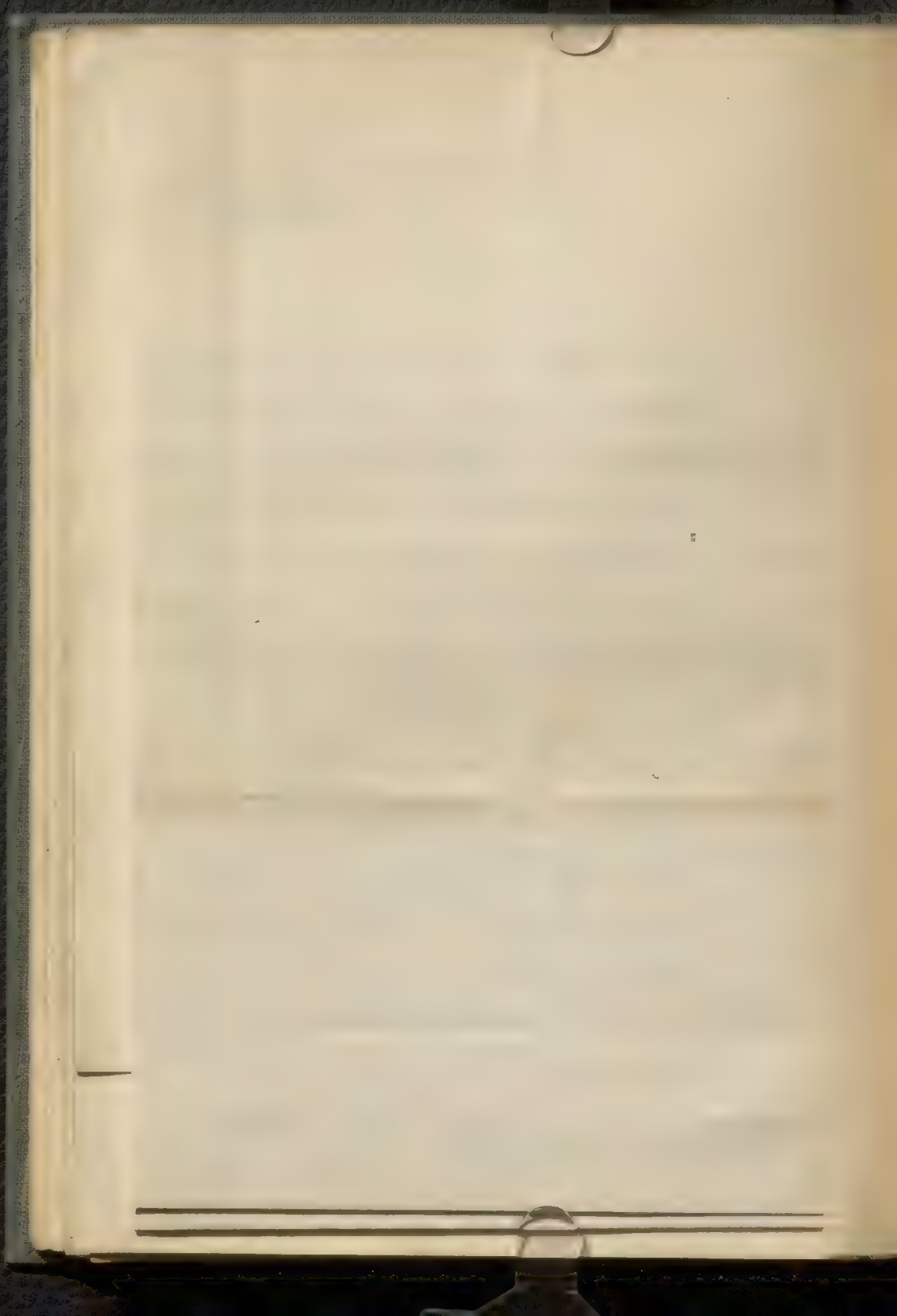
think somehow if you could replace me, it would be a good business. He may have things there of value. He represents the eldest daughter of Sir Eliab Harvey, who was the last of the male line, but he could not tell me who were the descendants of the great Harvey's uncle in Kent. I could trace them if I only were in England. It is an abominable thing that we are not twins. *In fact I should like to be numerous,*

I think I sent you some time ago a little "family history", and if you have time to read it with Mrs. Osler, *also* I should like to know; or rather, to be more modest, I should *like* like to know you got it. I have a dim recollection that you have said so, but that is only founded upon knowledge of your good manners.

I am, with as much love as you dare carry to
Lady Osler,

also Yours always,

Sir William Osler, M.D.



Bar Harbor, Maine.

Aug 14 1913

Bar Harbor, Maine.

Dear Oser:-

I have an intense disinclination to lose touch of friends like you and Leander Bronte, of whom I have heard nothing for a long while.

I should like to have been at that great Congress, although I have ^a very strong disbelief in the utility of these immense collections of doctors. The contacts with New York while are brief and unsatisfactory. What they have to tell you has been better told in the form of magazine articles. I have rather critical distrust of Osier's ideas on the subject of speech, founded upon what I saw in the Civil War.

I think I had a very interested audience. I proposed to repeat it as a popular lecture - (and it was in fact that) - in the fall in Philadelphia unless Wilson finds some better person, you perhaps. We are likely, through the death of [unclear] to fall into a very considerable amount of money for the college, certainly more than a hundred thousand dollars, and this twice told, but I always predicted that we should not attract attention as to even trouble us with gifts and now my son John is bothered by people who want to present busts and pictures of doctors for whom nobody cares to pay.

His. Mitchell desires her regards to Lady Osler who

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the literary members of the profession in America.

I was surprised to see that the Royal College of Physicians gave degrees to surgeons. Am I mistaken in supposing that this is never done by the Royal College of Physicians, except after examination?

Mrs. Mitchell is better from her long attack of neuritis, in both legs, much better, but I shall take her in October to the Hot Springs, where, ~~where~~^{where} everybody is doing the same thing and she will have no cares or social duties. The treatment has been of more value than the same treatment at home.

I lectured in Chicago - and I never printed it - on the position of the professor in the war of the rebellion.

I do not see how his plans are to be worked out, except in rare cases.

I am writing a brief memoir of Millings for the National Academy and because the thing has been done over and over by others, I find it difficult to be freshly interesting. Garrison is to write his life and the material, I think, is competently sufficient.

By the by, I wrote to Robert Bridges, the new Laureate, and sent my letter to what I was told was his address, Yattendon, Berks. It may have gone astray. I sent him also a little book of mine. Now I see that he is living near Oxford and if you should see him, you would perhaps say a word to him of the great satisfaction his appointment has given

Bar Harbor, Maine.

I need not say still has my undiminished
affection.

Yours faithfully,

S. Weir Mitchell

Sir William Osler, Bart ,

13 Morham Gardens

Oxford, England.

August fourteenth, 1913.

you would perhaps say a word to him of the
great satisfaction his appointment has given

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Epitaph - "Committed to the grave" - 3.1.11.

There is the letter dated "13th Jan. 1904"
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Feb. 1904.

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